

# HOUSE BILL 1007

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Highway Electronic Toll and Fee Consolidation Act**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that the Maryland Transportation Authority may send  
4 only one notice each week to the registered owner of a vehicle regarding unpaid  
5 tolls owed for the use of certain transportation facilities projects under certain  
6 circumstances; requiring the Authority to consolidate in the monthly notice all  
7 tolls owed for each use of a transportation facilities project during the week;  
8 authorizing the Authority to assess one monthly fee for the collection of certain  
9 tolls and limiting the amount of the fee; requiring the Authority to develop a  
10 certain website that allows a vehicle owner who does not have an electronic toll  
11 collection account to access certain information in a certain manner; defining a  
12 certain term; and generally relating to the collection of tolls for the use of  
13 transportation facilities projects under the jurisdiction of the Maryland  
14 Transportation Authority.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Transportation  
17 Section 4–312(d) and (e)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 4–312.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(D) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "NOTICE OF TOLL DUE" MEANS A BILL**  
2 **SENT BY THE AUTHORITY TO THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A VEHICLE FOR**  
3 **UNPAID TOLLS THAT:**

4                   **(I) ARE OWED BY THE REGISTERED OWNER FOR THE USE**  
5 **OF A TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT WHERE NO CASH TOLL IS**  
6 **COLLECTED; AND**

7                   **(II) COULD NOT BE COLLECTED BECAUSE, AT THE TIME THE**  
8 **TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT WAS ACCESSED:**

9                           **1. THE REGISTERED OWNER DID NOT HAVE AN**  
10 **ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION ACCOUNT; OR**

11                           **2. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT EQUIPPED WITH A**  
12 **FUNCTIONING TRANSPONDER THAT WAS LINKED TO AN ELECTRONIC TOLL**  
13 **COLLECTION ACCOUNT.**

14           **(2) (I) THE AUTHORITY MAY SEND ONLY ONE NOTICE OF TOLL**  
15 **DUE PER MONTH TO THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A VEHICLE, AND THE TOLLS**  
16 **OWED BY THE REGISTERED OWNER FOR EACH USE, INCLUDING VEHICLE AND**  
17 **OWNER IDENTIFICATION COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECT**  
18 **DURING THE MONTH SHALL BE CONSOLIDATED INTO THAT ONE MONTHLY**  
19 **NOTICE OF TOLL DUE.**

20                   **(II) 1. THE AUTHORITY MAY ASSESS ONLY ONE FEE FOR**  
21 **INVOICE, PAYMENT PROCESS, AND MAILING COSTS FOR EACH MONTHLY NOTICE**  
22 **OF TOLL DUE THAT IS SENT TO A REGISTERED OWNER OF A VEHICLE UNDER**  
23 **THIS SUBSECTION.**

24                           **2. REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS**  
25 **SPECIFIED IN A NOTICE OF TOLL DUE, THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE**  
26 **UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH THAT EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE**  
27 **OTHERWISE CHARGED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR A SINGLE TRANSACTION**  
28 **RELATED TO THE COLLECTION OF UNPAID TOLLS.**

29           **(E) THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP A WEBSITE THAT ALLOWS THE**  
30 **OWNER OF A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE STATE WHO DOES NOT HAVE AN**  
31 **ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION ACCOUNT TO ACCESS THE OWNER'S TOLL**  
32 **PAYMENT HISTORY AND MONITOR THE OWNER'S TOLL BALANCE BY ENTERING**  
33 **THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION PLATE NUMBER OF THE OWNER'S VEHICLE.**

34           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 October 1, 2010.